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SUBJECT: MOD VANDEN BOEYNANTS' DECEMBER 21 LETTER TO
SECDEF BROWN ON HELIP

REF: BRUSSELS 19332

FOLLOWING IS TEXT IN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF SUBJECT
LETTER TRANSMITTED TO BELGIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON FOR
DELIVERY:

"BRUSSELS
DECEMBER 21, 1977

TO HIS EXCELLENCY
HAROLD BROWN
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR HAROLD:

"CONFIRMING MY DECEMBER 12, 1977 LETTER I WOULD LIKE
TO REITERATE MY VERY SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF
DECEMBER 3 IN WHICH YOU PROPOSE THE CONCLUSION OF AN

AGREEMENT GUARANTEEING BELGIUM 100 PERCENT COMPENSATION FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF EXPENDITURES WHICH WILL BE CAUSED BY THE MODERNIZATION OF BELGIUM'S HAWK UNITS (THE PART COMPENSATED BY RAYTHEON EXCLUDED). WHEN CONCLUDED, THE PLANNED AGREEMENT SHOULD IN MY OPINION NOTE THE TYPE OF MATERIEL WHICH WILL BE PURCHASED BY THE UNITED STATES.

IT ALSO SHOULD SPECIFY THE TIME-PERIOD IN WHICH THESE PURCHASES WOULD BE MADE.

"IN ORDER TO EXAMINE USEFULLY AND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THE PRACTICAL DETAILS, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE WHAT THE PRINCIPAL SECTORS OF BELGIAN INDUSTRY ARE IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES WOULD MAKE THE PROPOSED PURCHASES, AND AT WHAT TIME THESE PURCHASES COULD BE MADE.

"IN REGARD TO YOUR PROPOSAL TO NEGOTIATE THIS AGREEMENT, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO YOU IF YOU COULD FURNISH ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OVERALL TERMS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AS YOU PRESENTLY SEE THEM, BOTH ON THEIR SUBSTANCE AS WELL AS ON THEIR FORM.

"I TAKE THE LIBERTY OF STRESSING THAT, IN ORDER TO UNBLOCK THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND TO OBTAIN A FAVORABLE
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BELGIAN GOVERNMENT DECISION TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM, IT WOULD BE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE FOR THE PLANNED AGREEMENT TO BE CONCLUDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE URGENCY OF THE PROBLEM IS SUCH THAT NO MATTER WHAT THE PLACE AND FORM THE NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE, THEY SHOULD BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"IN REGARD TO THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 3, I WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU ARE ABLE ABOUT THE RESULTS WHICH MIGHT HAVE RESULTED FROM YOUR APPROACHES TO THE RAYTHEON COMPANY.

CORDIALLY YOURS,

PAUL VANDEN BOEYNANTS"
CHAMBERS

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